

Senate Bill 151

By: Senators Kemp of the 46th, Meyer von Bremen of the 12th, Thomas of the 2nd, Mullis of the 53rd, Thomas of the 54th and others

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

To amend Code Section 35-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to establishment of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, so as to change the provisions relating to membership of said council; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

Code Section 35-8-3 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to establishment of the Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council, is amended by striking subsections (a) and (b) in their entirety and inserting in their places the following:

"(a) The Georgia Peace Officer Standards and Training Council is established. The council shall consist of ~~19~~ 20 voting members and five advisory members.

(b) The voting members shall consist of:

(1) An appointee of the Governor who is not the Attorney General, the commissioner of public safety or his or her designee, the director of investigation of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation or his or her designee, the president of the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police or his or her designee, the president of the Georgia Sheriffs Association or his or her designee, the president of the Georgia Municipal Association or his or her designee, the president of the Association County Commissioners of Georgia or his or her designee, the president of the Peace Officers' Association of Georgia or his or her designee, the president of the Police Benevolent Association of Georgia or his or her designee, the commissioner of corrections or his or her designee, the ~~chairperson~~ chairman of the State Board of Pardons and Paroles or his or her designee, and the president of the Georgia Prison Wardens Association or his or her designee, who shall be ex officio members of the council;

(2) Six members who shall be appointed by the Governor for terms of four years, their initial appointments, however, being two for four-year terms, two for three-year terms,

1 and two for two-year terms. Appointments shall be made so that there are always on the
2 council the following persons who are appointed by the Governor: one chief of police;
3 two municipal police officers other than a chief of police; one county sheriff; one city
4 manager or mayor; and one county commissioner. No person shall serve beyond the time
5 he or she holds the office or employment by reason of which he or she was initially
6 eligible for appointment. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original
7 appointment and successors shall serve for the unexpired term. Any member may be
8 appointed for additional terms; and

9 (3) Two members who are peace officers and who shall be appointed by the Governor
10 for terms of four years. Neither person shall serve beyond the time he or she is actively
11 employed or serves as a peace officer. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the
12 original appointment and successors shall serve for the unexpired term."

13 **SECTION 2.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.